

April 5, 2023

The Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers  
President, Board of Alders  
City of New Haven  
165 Church Street  
New Haven, CT 06510

Dear Alder President Walker-Myers,

In accordance with the Order of the Board of Alders authorizing the Mayor to apply for and accept all grants on behalf of the City of New Haven, passed October 17, 1994, I am writing to respectfully request the Honorable Board to approve the submission of an application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services Office, for a two-year, \$160,000.000 grant for the New Haven Police Department (NHPD) to develop and carry out a plan for agency accreditation.

As you know, The Police Accountability Act of 2021 mandates that law enforcement agencies in the state of Connecticut become accredited. This funding would enable the Property and Evidence Unit of the Administrative Division to engage a consultant to conduct an audit which will make recommendations to improve its management of property and evidence. This audit will include a policy, procedure, and facility review; case audit; and executive summary. The proposed consultant, Evidence Control Systems, Inc., has provided consulting services to nearly one hundred police departments across the country and Canada over the past 35 years. These include Atlanta, Chicago, Flint, Miami, New Orleans, and Houston.

The NHPD has been working on accreditation requirements over the past several years. These include reviewing general orders of the property room and evidence, the installation of security cameras for the interior and exterior of the main property room, building a warehouse to safely store evidence, and working with ProPhoenix Corporation to help build the CAD/TMS platform to meet the specific needs of the property room. The grant would enable us to purchase necessary equipment including evidence lockers and an electric key management system for security.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Karl Jacobson  
Chief of Police